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Unions to Press Justified Claims For Wage Boosts

Washington.—Reports from every section of the United States indicate that AFL unions seeking clearly justified wage increases in 1949 do not intend to permit themselves to be hoodwinked or deflected by propaganda published in anti-labor newspapers.

Industries and enterprises which made record profits in 1948 are now expected to incur substantial losses as a consequence of the drop in demand for their products. The reactionary newspapers are warning the National Association of Manufacturers and the Taft-Hartley Act have taken away the right of workers to demand wage increases, calculated year, but wage-warfare is the only way to get the price of their products down. The newspapers are also warning that the Taft-Hartley Act is a trade unionistic device.

Wages which are inadequate must be increased, and it certainly does not mean to reduce wages. The AFL has been working for years to secure for its members a living wage, and it is now working to secure for its members a living wage. The AFL has been working for years to secure for its members a living wage, and it is now working to secure for its members a living wage.

REFEAL ANTI-LABOR LAWS WITH YOUR BALLOT!



Victor A. Olander Unfair State Laws Of Illinois Is Dead Drawing Hot Fire

Chicago.—One of America's great labor leaders, Victor A. Olander, Illinois State Federation of Labor, died here last night after a short illness. He was 75.

He was an outstanding American, a statesman and a labor leader. He was a man of great vision and courage. He was a man who had seen the need for a living wage and a living wage for all workers. He was a man who had seen the need for a living wage and a living wage for all workers.

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AFL Supports Bill Abolishing T-H Law; Okay of Senate Committee Held Assured

Taft Petulant as End of Slave Act Nears; Grace to Testify

Executive Council Statements

Backing Is Announced by Council After a Careful Scrutiny

Washington.—Determined to restore the freedom of American labor without delay, the Democratic majority in the Senate today repudiated hearings on the Taft-Hartley law and all other measures for the completion of hearings for Feb. 15, followed by the Senate action by the committee on Labor and Human Resources.

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Miami.—The following statements were issued by the AFL's Executive Council at its quarterly meeting here:

WORLD PEACE AND RUSSIA

Lack of progress toward the attainment of world peace and security is the most serious problem of our time. The continued threat of nuclear annihilation and the danger of a world war are the most serious threats to the peace and security of the world.

The Executive Council holds that Russia is entirely and solely responsible for this tragic situation. The hostile, aggressive and aggressive policies of the Soviet Union are the cause of the world's present predicament. It is the duty of the American people to demand that the United States government take the necessary steps to bring about a world of peace and security.

NEW GLOBAL LABOR FEDERATION

The American Federation of Labor and the free trade unions throughout the world are now in the process of forming a new global labor federation. This new federation will be a world organization of free trade unions, and it will be the duty of the American people to support it.

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Wage Drive of Government Workers Is Endorsed by Executive Council

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